Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Gladys Kessler, and we are richer because Gladys lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Gladys was born February 8, 1917, in Hanson County, South Dakota, near Rock Creek, to Fred W. and Bessie Ringen, and she attended grade school at Red Stone Country School and graduated from high school in 1932; and,

Whereas, Gladys married James Kessler on January 16, 1939, at Epiphany, South Dakota, and to this union they were blessed with 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Gladys lived and farmed in Hanson County from 1946 to 1990 and on retirement, she moved to Mitchell, South Dakota, where she currently lives; and,

Whereas, Gladys will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on February 5, 2017, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2017, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State